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SUBJECT: GOH REACTION TO AFTERMATH OF GUATEMALA MEETING

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1. A JULY 30 ORDER TO THE COMMANDERS OF MILITARY UNITS WAS ISSUED BY THE CHIEF OF THE ARMED FORCES, BRIG, GEN. POLICARPO PAZ GARCIA. IT CALLED FOR A COMPLETE CEASEFIRE AND A REPORT FROM ALL UNITS STATING WHAT HAD BEEN DONE TO CARRY OUT THE ORDER. IT ALSO ORDERED THE COMMANDERS TO COOPERATE WITH THE OBSERVERS NAMED BY THE GUATEMALAN JOINT DECLARATION TO SUPERVISE THE CEASEFIRE.

2. THE AUGUST 1 PRESS CARRIED THE TEXT OF A JULY 31 TELEGRAM SENT TO THE COMMITTEE OF SEVEN. IT DENOUNCED INCIDENTS ALLEGED TO HAVE TAKEN PLACE ON JULY 31 AND ACCUSED SALVADORAN FORCES OF OPENING FIRE ON HONDURAN POSITIONS IN OREGANO, COPALIOS AND TIERRA BLANCA IN THE DEPARTMENT OF VALLE, CAUSING THE GOH TO EVACUATE THE CIVILIANS IN THE TOWN OF ARAMECINA.

3. THERE ARE MANY PRESS AND RADIO REPORTS ABOUT THE SELECTION
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OF OAS OBSERVERS TO OVERSEE THE CEASEFIRE AND WITHDRAWAL OF TROOPS.
IN A LA PRENSA STORY CARRIED IN THE AUGUST 2 EDITION, FONMIN
PALMA GALVEZ SAID THAT HE HAD FAITH IN THE GOOD WILL OF THE GOES
IN ATTEMPTING TO REACH AN AGREEMENT BY PEACEFUL MEANS. IN
REGARD TO BORDER INCIDENTS, HE COMMENTED THAT HE BELIEVED BOTH
COUNTRIES HAD A SINCERE DESIRE TOT LIMINATE THEM. HE PLEDGED
THAT THE GOH WOULD FAITHFULLY ABIDE BY THE AGREEMENT REACHED
AT THE GUATEMALAN MEETING.
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